



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1816  
National Women's Rights History Project Act**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 16, 2008*

**SUMMARY**

S. 1816 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to designate a vehicular tour route in New York to be known as the Votes for Women History Trail Route. The bill also would authorize funding for cooperative agreements and grants to states and other nonfederal entities to provide preservation and interpretation of historical properties related to women's rights.

Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized by S. 1816, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$16 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues or direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1816 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
History Project Grants						
Authorization Level	2	2	2	2	2	10
Estimated Outlays	2	2	2	2	2	10
Trail Expenses						
Estimated Authorization Level	2	1	1	1	1	6
Estimated Outlays	1	2	1	1	1	6
Total Spending Under S. 1816						
Estimated Authorization Level	4	3	3	3	3	16
Estimated Outlays	3	4	3	3	3	16

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1816 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2009 and that amounts specifically authorized or estimated to be necessary will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar NPS projects.

The specified authorizations in the table include, for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013, \$1 million for grants to state historical preservation offices and \$1 million for grants or other assistance to other nonfederal entities that help manage programs under the bill. The estimated authorization levels for each year include \$1 million for annual trail operations, about half of which would be provided to trail partners under cooperative agreements. For fiscal year 2009, the estimated authorization level includes an additional \$500,000 for one-time planning and development activities.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1816 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. New York State would benefit from technical assistance and grants authorized by the bill. Any costs to the state, including matching funds, would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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